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OPENING OF POST OFFICES IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices opened in the rural areas of Gujarat, during the last three years and the current year, district-wise;

(b) the number of villages without post offices in the State; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SH THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a) District-wise number of new post offices opened in the rural areas of Gujarat during the last three years and the current year is given in the Annexure.

(b) There are 9894 villages in Gujarat where post offices do not exist.

(c) Opening of new post offices is subject to the justification as per norms relating to population, distance and income and availability of requisite resources. Facility of delivery and collection of mail and sale of postal stationery and stamps is available to all the villages in the country, including those in Gujarat. Basic postalfacilities are also provided under the Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Yojana to the Panchayat villages where opening of post office is not found to be justified under the existing norms and the Panchayat has opted for the said Yojana.

Annexure

DISTRICT – WISE NUMBER OF NEW POST OFFICES OPENED IN GUJARAT DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS AND CURRENT YEAR

Serial No.	Name of District	Year 2000 – 2001	Year 2001 – 2002	Year 2002 – 2003
1.	Surat	1	-	-
2.	Gandhinagar	1	-	-
3.	Banaskantha	1	1	1
4.	Sabarkantha	2	2	2
5.	Panchmahal	1	5	5
6.	Valsad	2	3	2
7	Bharuch	1	3	1
8.	Bardoli	-	3	3
9.	Navsari	-	2	-
10.	Vadodara	-	-	1
Total		9	19	15

No new post office has been opened so far during the current year i.e. 2003- 2004.